

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Christian HERREN, et al.

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/646,896, filed January 5, 2001, which is the national stage of PCT/CH98/00540, filed December 16, 1998, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):  
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☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

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- ☐ are submitted herewith
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- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/CH98/00540.
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